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SUBJ: KURDISH REFUGEES IN IRAN

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1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED MASTER NOMINAL ROLL OF 600 KURDISH REFUGEES WHO ARE CANDIDATES FOR RESETTLEMENT OUTSIDE IRAN AND IRAQ. LIST BEING AIRPOUCHED TO DEPART-MENT D/HA TODAY UNDER REGISTRY NUMBER 99694.

2. UNHCR ADVISES THAT MEETING WITH ICEM AND VOLAG REPS REPORTED PARA 1 (D) REF B WILL TAKE PLACE ONLY WHEN REPLIES FROM ALL MAJOR POTENTIAL GOVERNMENT RECIPIENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND CASELOADS CAN BE ASSIGNED. IN THIS REGARD, KURDISH CASE OFFICER LYONNETTE INFORMED MISOFF THAT THEY NOW EXPECT GERMANS WOULD TAKE APPROXIMATELY 100, AUSTRIANS 60, SWISS 50, CANADIANS 60 AND UK ABOUT 80 FOR A TOTAL OF 350. IF THE UNITED STATES WOULD AGREE TO TAKE APPROXIMATELY 200 OF THE CURRENT LOT, PLUS THE UNFULFILLED 86 FROM THE INITIAL KURDISH MOVEMENT, THE TOTAL REQUIREMENT OF MORE THAN 600 WOULD BE MORE THAN MET. LYONNETTE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US MIGHT BE ABLE TO MEET THIS FIGURE, AT LEAST TENTATIVELY, WHICH WOULD THEN  
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PERMIT HIM TO PROCEED WITH PLANNING MEETING TO SET FORTH FIRM PROGRAMS. THESE WOULD INVOLVE CLEARANCES BEING PROCESSED BY ALL RECIPIENT COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES IN TEHRAN.

3. IN THE CASE OF THE UNITED STATES, CASELOAD WOULD

BE SPLIT AMONG VOLAGS CONCERNED (LIKELY ICMC, IRC, TOLSTOY, LWF, AND CWS). PRESUMING FRANKFURT WOULD AGAIN BE USED AS PROCESSING POINT, UNHCR WOULD MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH FRG AND AGENCIES CONCERNED. IN SESSION WITH LYONNETTE AND UNHCR TEHRAN REP GOODYEAR, MISOFF WAS INFORMED THAT UNHCR HOPED TO START THE OPERATION FROM TEHRAN BETWEEN THE MIDDLE AND THE END OF FEBRUARY. BECAUSE OF IRANIAN HOLIDAY AND EASTER SEASON, THERE WOULD BE A BREAK IN MOVEMENT BETWEEN MID-MARCH AND MID-APRIL, WITH THE ENTIRE MOVEMENT HOPEFULLY SCHEDULED TO TERMINATE BY THE END OF JUNE. THIRTY TO FORTY REFUGEES WOULD BE MOVED PER UNIT TWICE A MONTH TO FRANKFURT. RESPONDING TO QUESTION, LYONNETTE SAID THAT HE FORESAW NO CLEARANCE PROBLEMS WITH FRG, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF EXCELENT MOVEMENT OF FIRST GROUP OF KURDISH REFUGEES.CATTO

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